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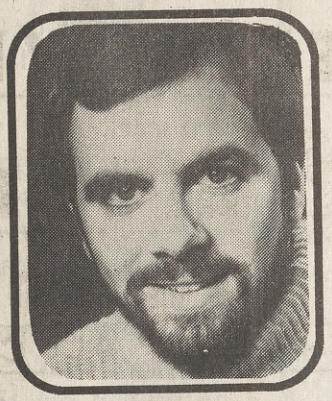
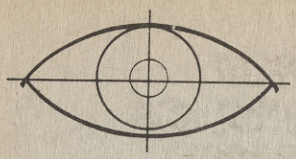


From the farthest reaches of thought and remembrance they are gathering on earth. Being lead by the abdicating 1987, all the Years have come together to celebrate and to bring the New Year, 1988, into life. Through the swirling mists of time and space comes the song of eons, rising and praising the start of this new interim. This cosmic song of passing, of the ongoing, all-powerful rush of time, gently wakes 1988. There's a hush over the Years as the baby is brought into the void known as time. All the Years gather around this startling new child and gaze at his shimmering splendor. Here is 1988, wide-eyed, bursting with life and vitality, ready to begin the journey, this pilgrimage through 365 days of trial and experience. All who look upon him wonder how he will fair. They stand together in their billowing white robes, feeling the winds of time passing through their beings and chanting their annual blessings. It is this ceremony that they all look forward to. The time when the scepter is passed from the knowing to the unknown and the New Year is given the Legacy. Old 1987 stands closest, gently caressing the newborn's cheeks and cooing like a doting father. His face, etched by the chisel and mallet of time's passing, is alive with luminescence, and he begins to speak in his vaporous, aging voice.

"My brother. You are beginning a remarkable trip. You are a king, and you are a pauper. You will see many things that will cost you your youth and many things that will instruct your old age. You will arise in winter, cast your love upon spring, celebrate the life of summer, bear the blame of fall, and lie down in winter once more. You will take from life its most precious gift and give it back in myriad forms. You will be held accountable for all the workings of time and fate, and pass away like you have never been. Your rule will be hopelessly short and miraculously long. You will cry out at injustice and laugh with wit and wisdom. All the universe will be your home, and yet there is no one who will have you. You are alone and yet part of all that exists, and even that which does not. In your mind is imagination made life, and nothingness made complete. Your wishes will be made manifest and your hopes will evaporate before your eyes. The secret is to embrace all and judge not. There is no separateness, no limitations, no ending. There is only life and time and love.

As the Northern lights sang and danced around them, the Years offered up to the newest of their ranks their solemn pledges and gifts. The procession, each Year in single file, one behind the other, stretched far beyond what the eye, even what their immortal eyes could see. Each year brought with it the gift of its understanding. From 1987 came patience and doubt. From the gnarled hands of 1986 came greed and hope. 1945 spoke in the



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hushed tones of fear and intimacy. 1918, in brotherhood and passing so alike 1945, quietly added blessings. 1840 bestowed anger and retribution. 1776, bent and bowed with care, brought freedom and anarchy. 1650 added liberality and smallness. 1588 endowed the New Year with charity and fury. And so they came, from as far away as the first moment of consciousness, bearing the gifts of their joys and scars.

There were many things bestowed upon the baby--humour, hubris and humanity, generosity, generality and gentility, unkindness and upheaval, carelessness and consideration, finality, frivolity and longevity--all blessed to his continuing nurturance. All these qualities he embraced with openness and innocence. And all he passed on, through the workings of his thought, through the passing of his time.

Cold Bread and Other Things

by Ann Muller

Eighteen stops in in five months may not be an author's travel record for promoting a book, but it sets my personal record for suitcase living.

It also prompted some thoughts on airplane travel. For instance I realized that...

✦Flying forces intimacy with people I'd avoid on the ground including children who kick seat backs and men who assume both armrests are theirs.

✦Flying scares me not only during takeoffs and landings but when the metal toilet flushes into the sky.

✦Flying is now synonymous with cold bread and something new called "Dr. Cookie Gourmet Cookies Made With Natural Wholesome Ingredients" which include lecithin, sodium benzoate, artificial flavor, and beta carotene.

Numerous meals and beds away from home produced some other observations...

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✦A chicken sandwich cost nine dollars at a table overlooking Rodeo Drive in Los Angeles, and a down-home dessert in New York tasted the same as it did when I used to make it. Which is why I threw the recipe away.

✦My appetite in San Francisco was diminished by a ring in the nose of the waitress, while in the kitchen of another California restaurant, an engagement ring was slipped onto the finger of a waitress who proudly displayed it to us between the main course and dessert.

✦Nights in hotels are structured by the people next door who either come in late or leave early. Or worse.

✦Three nights on a futon in Brooklyn were much kinder to old bones than I had any right to expect, and two nights on a waterbed in Boston were divine.

The object of the five-month tour was to promote my book which is about the relationships of parents and their gay daughters and sons. Most of the time I appeared in bookstores that sell books to gay people.

Most of the time Jason's dad, Herman, traveled with me. And while the publisher, Naiad Press, publicized me as its first non-lesbian author, it privately noted that Herman was the first male to promote one of its books. He did so, when asked, by giving a ten-minute introduction to my presentation, and to his chagrin, both the Cincinnati and the Orange County, California press focused their stories on him. One headline even promoted him (inaccurately) to Author. Other places and people, though, identified him as Ann-Muller's-Husband-Herman.

It was two weeks of togetherness on the West Coast, however, that caused a disagreement between Herman and me; two weeks of hearing (or not hearing) each other's every word and thought took a toll that erupted in San Francisco. Not surprisingly, Herman's driving prompted it, and only thirty-four years of arguments on the same subject could have produced the exchange that followed.

Just as Herman made a lefthand turn up one of that city's steep hills, I saw a meat truck turning into traffic from a side street. "Lookout," I yelled, "that truck's gonna hit us," to which he replied as he swerved the rental car, "Quick picking on me." After that I rode in the backseat. By choice.

The highlight, though, of the five

months was meeting the people I write for. I liked talking to them. I liked finding that the years I've spent writing in my back bedroom in suburban Chicago have become a connection to people in other places.

Some of them asked questions about coming out to a parent or how to improve the relationship once they'd come out. Some were silent, sad. A few were angry. Others wanted to tell how it was going with their folks. Some wanted to know more about the Muller family. Mothers and fathers came to meet us, to share their experiences as parents of a gay child or children.

The five months also included some good times I'll remember such as...

✦Walking the California beach in the morning sun with Herman, and, just weeks later, seeing the sun set over the Atlantic Ocean in Provincetown with a dear friend.

✦Meeting the men from Patlar who have published this column for a year and a half and finding them caring and fine.

✦Spending an evening with a friend in San Francisco, and hearing him say Herman and I felt like family.

✦Seeing three women I know and like in a bookstore in Santa Rosa, California.

✦Learning that PARENTS MATTER appears on a college reading list.

✦Spending time in New York City with friends of our son Jason.

✦And, speaking publicly for the first time with Jason in the audience and hearing the pride in his voice afterward when he told us, "I kept thinking: Those are my folks up there!"

FAUX PAS

by Ed. E. Kett

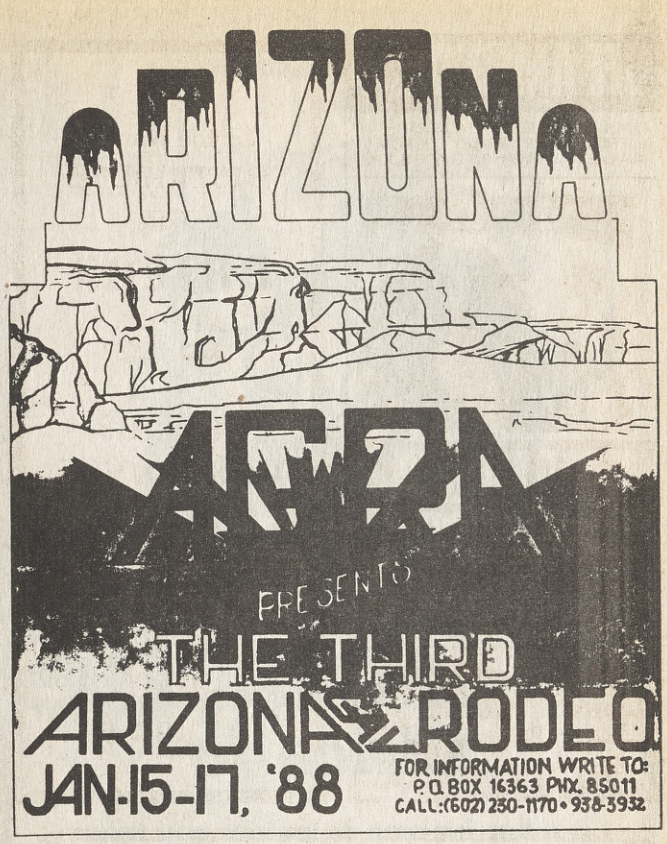
Dear Mr. Kett,

Recently I saw a dance club advertised as a "young men's disco." I've always been interested in younger men, but now that I've turned the corner on forty, I've become very self-conscious concerning age. Does "young men's disco" mean that older, more mature types need not attend? I can't think of anything better than a room full of young men, but what if they refuse me admittance? Yours,

Clive

Dear Clive,

Don't be so touchy. "Young men's disco" means the establishment caters to the younger element, so don't expect your favorite music to be playing, but feel free to attend. For many young men, there's nothing better to see at a disco than a room full of older men.



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NINE LETTERS TO BETTY ALICE 1934-1935

by Lloyd R. Grosvenor

Part I: September and November, 1934

September 12, 1934

Dear Betty Alice,

You may well ask why a healthy man of thirty has taken a job teaching in Union Hall, a one-room school out here in the country. What can I say? (Keeping in mind that you were the first to shake the dust of the hometown from your feet.)

For one thing, I took this job to get away from Mother. I don't mean she's a bad sport, or a domineering widow who wants to keep her only son to herself. Quite the contrary. I had to get some relief from her forever nagging me to get married. (After all, a man over thirty and not married...well!...)

Oh, she never said much. Only twice since I came home from college was she really vocal about it. But there were little needling things. Like some of her friends' daughters just "happened" to be visiting from time to time. Or she'd say something like: "Oh, I thought you were dressing to go out on a date, Owen, you were upstairs so long." or: "I saw Mrs. Curtis today and her niece is getting married. She's invited us to the wedding."

Of course I know, Betty, that one of the side benefits of a wedding is that it puts the "eligibles" together. You are the only girl I ever loved since I was six and you were five; and, of course, we've always known we would never get married. Not because Mother didn't approve of you since you socked Roger Smith in the eye for calling me a bad name; but because we both know it's just something that's not for us. Mother always thought you were a bit rough, and that you shouldn't whistle. (Proper girls don't whistle. Whistling is for boys.) Well, you always played gently when you were with me--that's all I care about.

How's the writing coming? I cannot understand why you would have to move to New York to write. But then, I never did understand you completely. Although I think you will admit I come closer to doing so than anyone else. I suppose you do have to be close to the big publishers--or whatever.

I'm staying at the Faust farm. The teacher is boarded at one of the farms as part of the pay. God knows the pay isn't much ($65 a month), considering what I was earning doing the accounting at the lumber yard. Mother didn't approve of my quitting the lumber yard. Not that she needs my support--my flying Daddy left her plenty, and old man Carlson runs the lumber yard. Always has. He ran it when my father was alive.

This is the first time they've had a man teacher here at Union Hall School. Usually the teachers are sweet young things eighteen to twenty years old and just out of their one-year "normal" teacher training at some nearby teachers' college. Normally the teacher is boarded with the Parkinson sisters who have a large house, and thus the teacher is not in the same house as any of the pupils. The Fausts lost their hired man after the hay harvest and they haven't rehired. I have his room. There's only one female in the house--Mrs. Faust (Anna-Maria). Then there's Mr.

Faust (Heinrich), the three boys and me.

Oh, I really feel the need of someone's support and good wishes (at least) for what I'm doing. Somehow I feel I have to find "it"--whatever "it" is--and I'm hopeful that making this change to the country might lead me to "it." It won't be easy, but I know I can depend on your good wishes, Betty Alice. I always have.

My address is c/o Faust, R.F.D. #4, Willoughby, Pa. Write soon.

Your friend,
Owen Marshall

September 26, 1934

Dear Betty Alice,

I didn't expect you to question my sanity. My judgment, perhaps, but not my sanity. Then, as I re-read your letter, I realized that this is just your rather obtuse humor and your way of telling me my sanity has never been in question as far as you are concerned--you have always been certain of my IN-sanity, and it's all right with you for me to be the way I am. And you do, I see in examining the summation of your letter, send me your good wishes. I am grateful. You are so dear.

Long hair for women is back. For about the past four years--with those crinkly "Marcel" waves on the sides plastered down with wave-set. I noticed in the Brownie Kodak snapshot of you that you still have your 1929 shingle. Don't you realize the style has changed? (Oh, of course you do. What's the matter with me? That's just your I-don't-care attitude.)

Thank you for the cream manila drawing paper and the charcoal pencils. How could you know these people have so little? The County (and, I presume, the State) pays me and pays for the school building and the desks, chalk, etc.--even books. But materials like this have to be paid for by the parents. To have everyone be able to use the same paper and charcoal--what a joy! The younger ones especially will love making something for Hallowe'en and Thanksgiving. Maybe we'll be able to afford some colored paper by Christmas.

We have thirty kids in all. Three in each grade. Except fourth has 5, sixth has 6, and seventh has 4.

They seem to like me. But who can tell? They're all a bit in awe at a man for a teacher. But I can tell you, you do have to make sure they know who's boss from the first day or you're sunk!

The Faust boys are a bit unusual. They're the only family with three kids in school. Don't know what the parents are trying to do, but the boys are named Franz, Frank, and Fred (Frederich).

Fred (called Freddie at home) is the youngest--ten years old. Seems an average bright boy--a bit mischievous, but not bad.

Frank, 12, acts as though being a pupil is his life's ambition.

It's Franz that draws my attention. He's seventeen and in the eighth grade. Most kids are out of eighth grade by the time they're 14. Fifteen at the latest in the country schools. Why on earth his parents still send him when his muscles are needed in the farm work is beyond me. Of course, the parents are "Old Country" German and believe that learning is highly important and that Teacher

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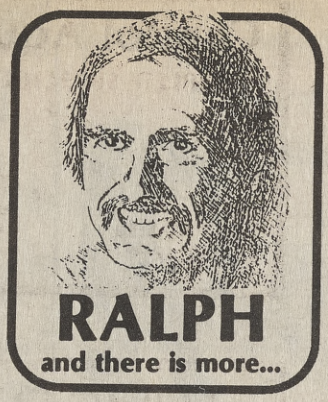

RALPH
and there is more...

I can think of no more perfect subject for a column than this column's title: "...and there is MORE!" The "glow" of a new year and all of the New Year's festivities, including the obligatory "resolutions" all of which seem so crystal clear and so very simple on New Year's Eve--especially in the "high" of the celebrations--may well have grown a bit tarnished by this time of the month.

What's to do about that? The traditional "American" way is to precede to despair, to lament, to complain--or, a trick drawn right from the old "Right/Wrong" game, to blame the fact that Joe offered you a cigarette, or Sam or Suzie got you so hot and bothered you forgot about your safe-sex resolution, or say you'd never have had the first drink except that after the near-accident with the car you really needed one to steady your nerves. In other words, it is very easy to fall into self-flagelation or others-blaming when we fail to do what we had set out to do--including failing to keep New Year's resolutions.

Well, why not take an entirely different "tack" on this issue this year. Why not steal a note from *A Course in Miracles* and forgive yourself...totally! Or, even more important, forgive anyone else you may have "blamed" for the failure of your resolve.

For, when you do that, you can simply let it go, and begin once more the proposed "resolve" that you temporarily lost sight of at the proffered cigarette, or the really hot sexual foreplay, or "unsteady nerves." *A Course in Miracles* reminds us, repeatedly, that we can "choose once again." That is excellent advice--and not just in the basically spiritual sense that the *Course* intends. You can always choose again!

So do it!

Gary Zukoff, in the introduction to the wonderful book (wonderful if you are willing to have your mind totally blown and discover that what contemporary physicists are discovering almost totally invalidates all of what we conventionally "believe" to be true!) discusses with Al Huang just how one could define a true "master," in the Zen sense and in the everyday sense. They come up with a definition that is, in my view, absolutely perfect. It is:

"A Master is someone who is always just beginning."

WOW! That means that if you blew your New Year's resolutions, if you are a true master, you don't hit yourself over the head, but rather you acknowledge that you are human (can you manage that? Many of us can't!) and "just begin..." AGAIN!

True master, in either the spiritual or the absolutely practical "everyday" realm, is precisely that. I remember that someone talking to Mike Todd, a great showman and amazingly successful entrepreneur (and one-time husband of Elizabeth Taylor) asked him if he had ever been poor. "Hell, no!" he replied. "Of course I've been broke a number of times, but I've never been poor. Poor is a state of mind!"

Well, he knew that he was a "master" because he always knew that he could do it again...That it was all right to start over...That if you are to remain viable in this life, you will indeed "choose once again," and do what is necessary to accomplish your goal.

Now, I began by saying that the "subject" of this essay would be the column's title. And, it has been. Why? Because when you finally really "get" that no matter what happens, for good or for ill, the fundamental fact of the world is that there IS more! It's when we individually "close down," or "give up," or seek someone else to "blame," or choose to simply flagelate ourselves that we totally miss the center truth of the "more" that is always there not matter what!

Check your calender. What is today's date? What is the status of your New Year's resolutions? Or, what is the status of your resolve, or your intention, in regard to anything? Do you want to begin practicing "mastery?"

Begin. Again. And again, and again, and again! Welcome to the Master's Club!

[Ralph H. Walked, Ed.D., is creator of The Loving Brotherhood and The ALL NEW YOU Experience. He would suggest that a great opportunity to begin playing the game of life from Mastery would be to do The YOU Experience in Hawaii, April 1-3, 1988. You may have more information by writing him at PO Box 556, Sussex, NJ 07461, or by calling (201) 875-4710.]

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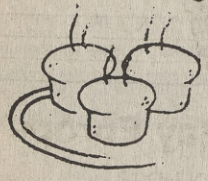

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by Crackers IX de Modesto

Traditionally, January is a cold and windy month, so I have chosen something to warm your tummies on those cold nights. Beef Stew is easy to prepare, and you can make enough to last a few days. Also it works well to make it in a crockpot while at work. Just add all ingredients except vegetables and place on low for about eight hours. Add vegetables and cook on medium for another hour.

BEEF STEW

2 lb. boneless beef chuck, cut into 1-in. cubes
4 c. hot water
1 tsp lemon juice
1 large onion
carrots
potatoes
1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
1 clove garlic, crushed
2 tsp pepper
pinch of allspice
1 tsp sugar
flour

Roll meat in flour until covered well. Brown meat well on all sides (a secret to a good stew). Add all ingredients except vegetables. Cook for two hours. Add vegetables and cook till done, about 45 minutes longer. Serve with crackers, bread, or cornbread. Yummy in the tummy! Enjoy!!

GROWING NOTES
January 1988

by Robert B. Hamm

Happy New Year to everyone, and I hope you have recovered from the parties and are starting to look forward to the year ahead. January is something of a blah month for many of us, but it is also a time to look ahead and dream of the year ahead.

Before starting on new things for 1988, however, most of us have to finish all the leftover items from 1987 that we put off for one reason or another. All the clean-up, pruning, etc. that should have been done earlier but wasn't should be done now. Also, for warmer climates with an early spring, this is the prime month for pruning roses. The best rule is to do rose pruning as soon as buds begin to swell and after extreme freezing temperatures

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past. If you wait until growth begins, you delay the growth and blooming of the plants. When pruning, you can also work in a slow-release fertilizer around the plants, such as Osmocote 9-month formula, and give your plants an all-season boost.

January is a great time in most climates to give dormant trees and shrubs a good spraying of DORMANT OIL SPRAY. This spray covers the dormant plant with a thin layer of special oil that suffocates the eggs and dormant larvae of many types of pests and prevents problems later. Some forms also have a disease preventive in them that kills fungus spores before they can cause damage next spring.

This is the time of year that gardeners the continent over receive all the new plant listings and catalogs and spend many delightful hours pouring over them and dreaming of all the plants they would like to try in their gardens, greenhouses, and windowsills. I think we all start out with lists that would require a second income and painstakingly whittle it down to the little that we actually have room for. If you are ordering plants, be it mail order or special order from your local nursery, I urge you to do it early. There are only so many of each plant grown each season, and early orders help you prevent the disappointment of getting a "Sold Out" notice.

Those gardeners in USDA zones 7-10 are in the beginning of planting season, especially for bareroot and dormant plants. The vast majority of hardy items that are dormant planted will benefit from being purchased and gotten in the ground as early as weather permits. For most warmer areas, this means as soon as the ground is dry enough, and not frozen. The fact that the weather is not exactly what most people want to work in in the yard is NOT the determining factor. For the devoted gardener, the need to work under cloudy skies, and 40-degree temperatures, is a fact of gardening life is s/he wants to plant bareroot and dormant stock.

Indoor and greenhouse gardeners are in the beginning of spring with each day being a few minutes longer than the one before, and the plants responding to the lengthening days by starting to "wake up" and grow. Of course, those in areas with winter sun will see the effects before those in foggy, cloudy climates; and those in greenhouses will be ahead of those in the house. Yet for everyone, when your plants start to grow again is the time to repot crowded plants and to resume regular feeding of all plants.

Looking for a new group of indoor plants to grow? An often overlooked and rarely appreciated plant family is the peperomias. For those who can find a December issue of Horticulture on your newsstand, there is a very good article about these easy-to-grow and interesting plants.

Peperomias are a family of tropical plants that have a variety of forms, growth habits, foliage colors, and shapes that are rarely seen by most people. The few peperomias that are in generally commercial production are a very small sampling of the family and generally are not the best varieties. For the best selection, you have to deal with a specialty grower.

Peperomias will grow under lower light conditions than most houseplants, and a north window or bright spot is fine for these tropical forest-floor dwellers. Most peperomias are somewhat succulent and need a well-drained soil. Most tolerate the dry air of homes well and are tolerant of getting a bit dry. In fact, most forms prefer to dry out some between waterings rather than being constantly most.

This family contains small trailers with button-like leaves, large trailers that make good-sized hanging baskets, upright forms for pots, and such a fantastic variation in leaf shape and coloring that most who see a collection of peperomia are shocked at the diversity. Leaf coloration can range from green, to reds, silvers, whites, pinks, golds, and an amazing variety of patterns and combinations.

A great source of information on this family is The International Peperomia Society. The Society puts out a newsletter with information on how to grow "pep," new varieties, and sources for the many rarer forms. To join, send $5 to P.S.I., 5240 W. 20th St., Vero Beach, FL 32960.

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ALBUQUERQUE

Persons in Albuquerque have a somewhat more tolerant opinion about homosexuality than the nation as a whole according to the results of a random survey. Those interviewed were asked if they agreed or disagreed with the statement "Homosexuality is wrong." In Albuquerque, 46.6% disagreed with the statement. 40.0% agreed with it, and 13.3% had no opinion. In a national survey conducted in March, 1986 by ABC News/Washington Post, 30% disagreed with the statement, and 70% agreed with the statement.

The Albuquerque poll was conducted between November 1 and 15 by telephone interviews with 114 randomly selected residents of Albuquerque. A profile of the sample above shows a disproportionate number of college graduates, which may partially explain the significant variation from the national response to the same question. The college graduates in the sample were measurably more tolerant of homosexuality than others.

BOULDER

Efforts to restore a gay-rights ordinance in Boulder, Colorado succeeded in the recent election. The ordinance passed by 295 votes. Boulder's population is around 90,000.

There was little organized opposition. Boulder City Council passed a similar ordinance in 1973, but voters overturned it in a 1974 referendum. The Council was mindful of those events and refused to consider re-enacting such a proposition; proponents had no choice but to submit to voters again.

WEST HOLLYWOOD

The Design Alliance to Combat AIDS (DACA) will host "People For People...A Celebration II," 7 PM-12 AM, Saturday, January 16, 1988 at the Pacific Design Center in West Hollywood. The Honorary Chair of the event is Katherine Helmond of ABC-TV's "Who's The Boss," who will host an evening of buffet dining and dancing. The fundraising goal for the evening through ticket sales and sponsorships is $325,000 with proceeds benefitting DACA and AIDS Project Los Angeles. Tickets are $150.

SALEM

Oregon's Governor Neil Goldschmidt recently signed an executive order which forbids most state agencies from discriminating against gay people and bisexuals. The order took effect October 15, 1987.

Goldschmidt's order prohibits discrimination in the provision of state services and the hiring and treatment of state employees. It does not affect the employment and management practices of private companies holding state contracts, a provision supported by the American Civil Liberties Union.

Right-wing groups are planning ballot measure campaigns against the order, and against that part of a Portland city ordinance which bans discrimination against city employees on the basis of sexual orientation.

The 1987 Oregon legislature failed to vote on a bill that would have outlawed discrimination based on sexual orientation in housing, employment, education, and public accommodations.

DENVER

The most exciting plans in the history of the Desert and Mountain States Conference are being laid by Denver, host city for the May 13-15 event.

The theme of the fourth annual conference is "Living Our Heritage." Workshops and conference speakers are expected to elaborate on the history and diversity of the region's gay heritage.

Seven workshops will be held in ten different areas: house issues; heritage; lesbians; gay men; unity and diversity; law and politics; intimacy, sex and relationships; community empowerment; youth and aging; breaking cultural and physical barriers.

Conference plans include extending an invitation to all of the presidential candidates to address the conference, in addition to two keynote speakers. Colorado organizers expect that between five and six hundred people will attend the conference which will be held in the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Denver.]

New events this year include a display of gay art to be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel during the course of the conference.

More information may be obtained from G.L.C.C., PO Drawer E, Denver, CO 80218.

PHOENIX

The Arizona Gay Rodeo will be held January 15-17 in Phoenix. It will be held at the El Cienzo Charro Rodeo grounds. The event will be the third annual gay rodeo that has been held in Phoenix, and the host hotel for the event will be the Holiday Inn in the Phoenix Financial Center.

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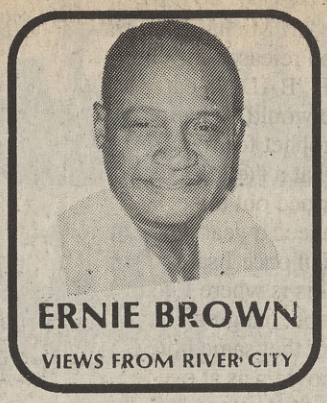

SACRAMENTO

Hope everyone had a nice holiday, or should I say "holidays?" Let's face it, December was chock full of events. Two of the highlites were Ernie (that's yours truly) & Bobbette's Christmas Party for MCC (toys for gay parents with children) [Bobbette & I would like to thank everyone who participated to make this a wonderful event] and GNIE's Christmas Party (a winner)...Congrats to Hand to Hand for winning the Humanitarian Award, an award that's well deserved...I have to mention La Kish's A Night of Glamour; it was just that. I never "seen" so many beautiful, bobbling, bevies of beauties in my life. All assembled in one room in one night. However, what made the night REAL beautiful was that this was the night when Bobbette handed out over $5000 to various organizations & individuals. Bobbette would like to thank the gay community for consuming so many tacos, chili dogs & chili to make the above possible. Stop in and ask him for his Aunt Rosita's special. recipe. It tole you, the whole month of Dec. was a busy one! Hope some of this merriment & goodwill carries over into the New Year...Dec. 1987 might have been a good month, but the entire year of an utter disaster. We lost so many good friends. This we do not need to repeat in 1988!...One with the New Year. New attitudes, new friends, new resolutions. Most bars are still reeling from events held last month, so as of this writing, I do not have any of their schedules. Please check with them for this month's events...I would like to wish a Happy New Year to all of my friends & readers in Phoenix, Orlando, Denver, Miami, Seattle, Portland, Laguna Beach, Long Beach, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Russian River, and last but not least my readers, friends, lovers here in River City, Sacramento...To end on a sad note: GOD REACHED DOWN AND TOUCHED THEM AND THEY SLEPT: Bob Farrell, Monty, Tom Blasdal, Danny Shelton.

NEW YORK

WOMEN MAKE MOVIES, Inc. (WMM) recently released its 1987-1988 15th Anniversary catalog. The catalog contains more than 100 titles and highlights the work of WMM as distributor of the largest collection of films and videos by and about women in the U.S.

The title of WOMEN MAKE MOVIES represents the diversity of issues, styles, and ideas that women have brought to the screen. With the acquisition of 20 new releases in 1987 alone, WMM distributes works concerning young adults, women writers and artists, women and labor, women's history, health, cinema studies, international perspectives, and a series of films by Latinas, "Punto de Vista: Latina."

New additions are Michelle Parkerson's "Storme: The Lady of the Jewel Box" and Su Friedrich's "Damned if You Don't." "Stephanie" by Peggy Stern, and "On Becoming A Woman" by the National Black Women's Health Project are featured in the recently compiled "Young Adult" collection.

The catalog is available upon request from WOMEN MAKE MOVIES, 225 Lafayette Street, Suite 211, New York, NY 10012; (212) 925-0606.

1987: BAD, REALLY BAD!

MODERN MUSIC by Michael Maier

If Michael Jackson had released his current LP "BAD" in early 1987, he would be hailed as a prophet for forecasting what a #@!*% year this turned out to be. This was indeed a year when more than once I said, "Stop. This is where I get off." I kept changing channels, but that same horrid movie was at every push of the button--"1987."

It was a year which gave rebirth to a once-extinct species known as 'THE BIMBO." The world was teaming with these creatures from every aspect of life--political bimbos Donna Rice and Fawn Hall, fundamentalist bimbos Jessica Hahn and Tammy Faye, TV bimbo Vanna White, and Music/Movies bimbo Madonna (queen bimbo). Nowhere were we safe from these lounge lizards. Even from the controlled depths of Communist Russia we had Soviet bimbos causing our defenders of the free world (U.S. Marines) to exchange favors for favors.

It is not my intention to offend any of my readers, in that they may have found the aforementioned text as sexist--true, it has that strong overtone, but this is the image that these ladies contributed during the course of 1987. In all truth and fairness, we needed to take a look at who the real players were--the true bimbos. Not the ladies I mentioned in the previous paragraph; far from they are the true lizards of this world. "Will the real bimbos please stand up?" The names of Ronald Reagan, George Bush, Ollie North, Ed Meese, and Robert Bork head the past year's list. Assured Reagan's name is no new-comer to this list; he has slid along for years on just looks and an image. The major constructive achievement of President Reagan's administration for 1987 is that they have added a new practice to the institution of Americana--baseball, hot dogs, apple pie, and unaccountability. As for George Bush--manager trainee--just throw him a bone. Ollie North, the great protector of American and the free world, won the hearts of the populace, just about destroyed American foreign policy all because of his zealous, cocky, but cutesy personality and chestful of medals. Ed Meese--I wonder if anyone has asked him what "Liberty and Justice For All" means these days. Robert Bork--this bimbo scares me more than any button-pressing Russian ever would. A predetermined agenda of ideological principles in hand surely would have cut through the constitutional process. Hail the checks and balances that saved democracy! Oh. We cannot forget about Jim Bakker...He's just putting one over on God, President Reagan is just putting one over on us.

The bimbos of 1987 altered the path of American politics, gave God a bad name, edged us closer to war in Central America, put our national security on the line, played economic hop scotch and caused thousands of precious hours in human resources to be wasted, just to watch all this garbage.

Next month I will take you through a retrospective of 1987 in the areas of music and movies.

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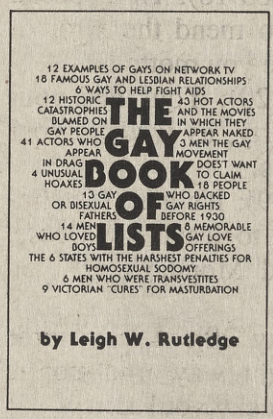
The Gay Book of Lists by Leigh Rutledge, Alyson Publications, Boston, 1987.

Reviewed by Ellen Roth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8 MEMORABLE GAY LOVE OFFERINGS
by Leigh W. Rutledge

Another book of lists, this time with gay themes. You'll enjoy skipping around and chuckling over many of them.

However, many of the lists are not funny, anything but. Downright grim, but enlightening: 7 Gay Men Who Were Brutally Murdered, 17 Outspoken Anti-Gay Politicians (Example: George Bush, "I don't think homosexuality is normal behavior...").

Some of the lists are definitely disgusting: 4 Men Who It Would Have Been Better Not To Go Home With; 9 Perfectly Disgusting Reactions to AIDS.

Many of the lists are disquieting to gay, lesbian, and hetero alike: 5 Governments That Have Routinely Imprisoned, Tortured, or Executed Gay Men; 22 States in Which Homosexual Acts Between Consenting Adults Are Still a Crime.

Some are deliciously outrageous, especially the 26 Parting Thoughts, every one of which I want to quote, but will pick one at random (well, nearly so): "For Christ's sake, open your mouths; don't you people get tired of being stepped on?" [Bette Midler]

Many lists are heartening: 8 Memorable Gay Love Offerings (the most spectacular funeral in history, Alexander the Great's memorial to Hephaestion.) 24 Famous People Who Acknowledged Having Had At Least One Homosexual Experience in Their Lives.

Not to be missed: Gay Tongue-Twisters, 7 Popular Positions for Jacking Off and the Advantages and Disadvantages of Each. 16 Famous Men, All Reputedly Very Well Hung.

Ramdon selections I enjoyed: 19 Class Gay Graffiti--Edith Head gives great costume. Practice makes pervert. FCK--The only thing missing is you.

Nice large print, good layout, eminently quotable, and a good read. Recommended.

HOROSCOPES

By Dr. Pat Larr

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19): A New Year's resolution is quickly broken when you bump into someone who really gets you smoking. You just can't stay away from those butts, can you?

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18): That special someone encourages you to mend the error of your ways. Let "Darn it!" be you motto.

PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20): You shed your inhibitions at a friend's party, as well as your clothes and you pal's clothes.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19): It's wet. It's slippery, and you won't want to leave the house. Yes, those rainy days and Mondays get you down again this year.

TAURUS (Apr 20-May 20): A handsome stranger rubs you the right way mid-month. Don't take it lying down. Lucky you!

GEMINI (May 21-Jun 20): A major expenditure is headed your way by month's end. Hope that special someone doesn't mind if you tighten your belt a little.

CANCER (Jun 21-Jul 22): A blond and blue-eyed Mr. Right is headed your way. You always wanted to start the New Year off with a bang bang.

LEO (Jul 23-Aug 22): Cosmic Karma works for you this year. Everything's in its place and all's right with your world. Enjoy!

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sep 22): A big bundle lands in your lap this month and gives new meaning to the word "tightwad."

LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct 23): A post-holiday depression has you down in the dumps, until a mysterious stranger hauls your trash.

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 22): Sexy shoes make an important impression on that certain someone. Sock it to 'em.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21): Everything comes together as you start off the New Year, and you know how you love it when you come together.

FAUX PAS

by Ed. E. Kett

Dear Eddie Baby,

When is the appropriate time to put on a condom?

Concerned,
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Dear Nigel,

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by Mike Smith

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"Are you HIV positive?" I asked insistently.

"You know I am."

"Then you may have had syphilis" I argued, picking up the magazine. "According to this article in the January Atlantic, you may have syphilis now." I handed him the magazine again. "What's more, it may be syphilis that's killing you, not HIV."

My last remark came too quickly, I could tell. It was one thing to as Tom to believe that, in addition to HIV, he had syphilis. It was too much, though, to expect him to believe it was syphilis alone.

"But, but," he sputtered, so many questions trying to get out at once, "What about HIV" Did scientists discover the wrong bug" And if I have syphilis, why hasn't my doctor picked up on it? The last time I went to the clinic, my VD tests were negative. Well?"

I paused. Was I ready to beat my head against the wall again? A year of reading medical journals, talking with medical researchers, doctors, and clinicians had taught me one thing at least. You've got to separate the know-it-alls from those with an open mind or you'll go crazy. One doctor at the VD clinic had not read an article in fifteen years. He didn't even know that syphilis invades T-cells and suppresses the immune system!

"Well," I continued hopefully, "theorists suggest HIV may be just a component of syphilis. You see, the syphilis you and I were taught is not as simple as we thought. Remember the three-stage thing? You know, the primary stage of a lesion, followed by secondary and tertiary stages where syphilis progresses from a skin rash to a wholesale invasion of your vital organs?"

"Yeah, I read all that."

"Well, I had that kind of syphilis when I was 19, " I said almost casually. "I got a lesion, got tested then treated with the standard shot of 2.4 million units of penicillin G benzathine. Imagine my shock when I learned just six months ago that the treatment may have been inadequate. That it might only have masked the syphilis, driven it underground. There's a latent form of the thing, you know, that can sit around in your tissues, biding its time, waiting to go back to work." Tom stared at me, silent. "Did you know," I continued, my voice getting louder, "the Russians take two years to treat a case of syphilis, the Italians one year? Europeans have long criticized our short-term approach."

Tom paused, then shrugged. "So why can't we just go to the clinic and get tested? I don't see the big deal."

"Another dilemma," I announced, eager to share what else I'd learned. "It seems the standard syphilis tests are increasingly unreliable. The Journal of the American Medical Association last January 16 suggested that such tests may no longer be valid, particularly in persons with compromised immune systems. Sound familiar?"

Tom grew quiet. I could see I was getting through. "How did you get on to this?" he asked finally.

"Well, the New York Native has been a champ about it. Since last February they've promoted the theory. It really started, though, with a medical researcher in Berkeley named Joan McKenna." I reached for the Atlantic again.

"I know, I know, it's all in there," Tom said impatiently. "So what happened?"

"A friend of mine knew I was interested in the connection and came across McKenna's article in Medical Hypotheses, December 1986S: "Unmasking AIDS: Chemical Immunosuppression and Seronegative Syphilis." I was stunned. I had to talk to her. So I tracked her down and went to see her a couple of days later.:

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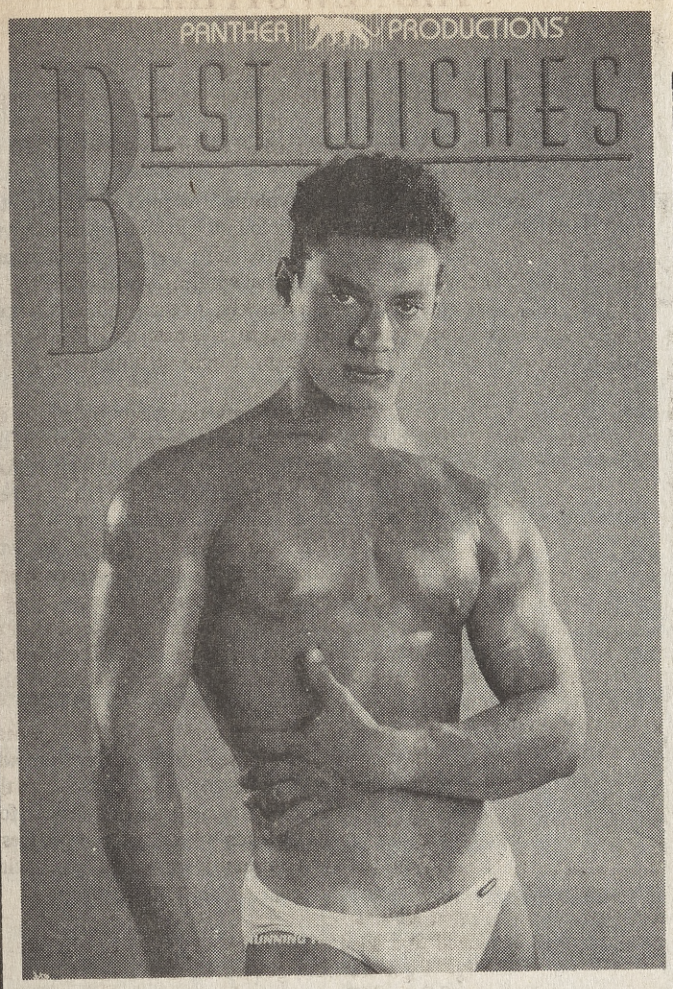

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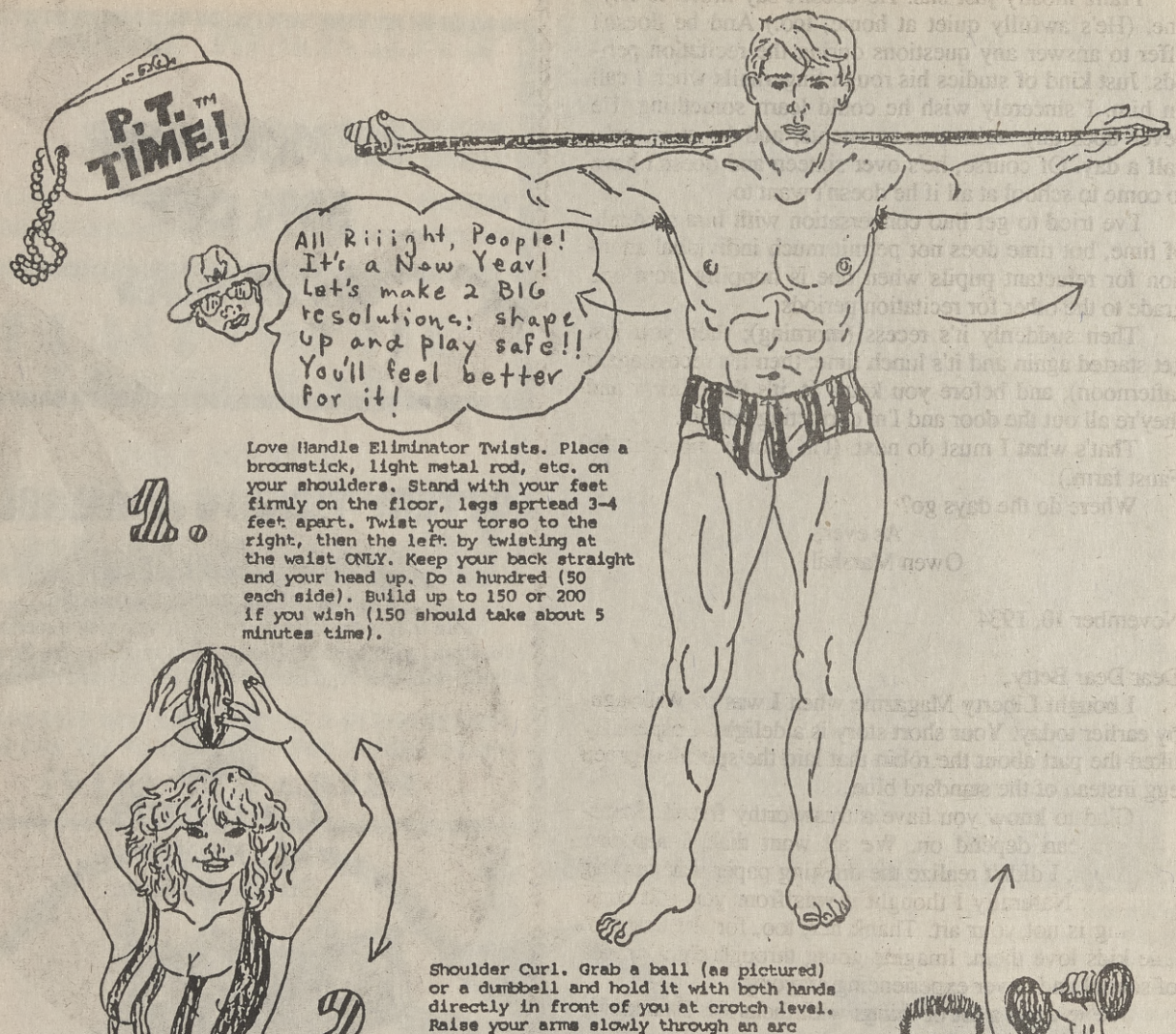
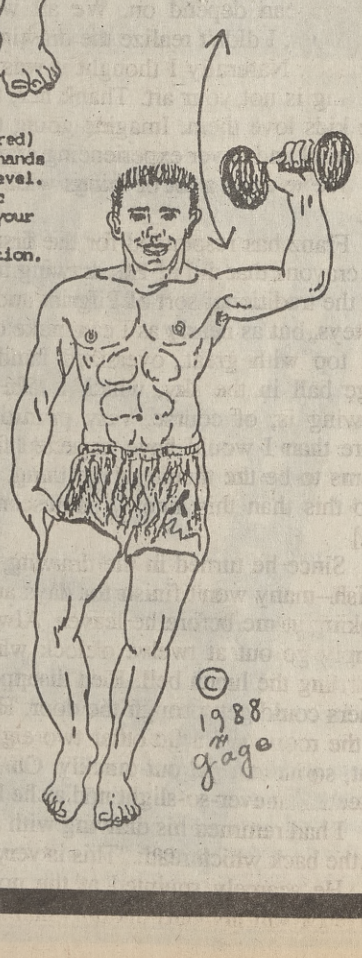


1. Love Handle Eliminator Twists. Place a broomstick, light metal rod, etc. on your shoulders. Stand with your feet firmly on the floor, legs sprtead 3-4 feet apart. Twist your torso to the right, then the left by twisting at the waist ONLY. Keep your back straight and your head up. Do a hundred (50 each side). Build up to 150 or 200 if you wish (150 should take about 5 minutes time).

2. Shoulder Curl. Grab a ball (as pictured) or a dumbbell and hold it with both hands directly in front of you at crotch level. Raise your arms slowly through an arc until they are fully extended above your head (pictured) and then lower them through the arc to the starting position. Repeat 30 times.



3. Standing Dumbbell Press. Raise dumbbell to shoulder height and press up to arm's length, keeping elbows in. Return to shoulder height, repeating for 15 reps before switching to the other arm. If you prefer, exercise can be done with both arms (a dumbbell in each hand) by alternating reps (i.e., left arm from shoulder then pressed up, right, left, etc.) for 30 reps.

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is second only to God.

Franz mostly just sits. He doesn't say much to anyone. (He's awfully quiet at home, too.) And he doesn't offer to answer any questions during the recitation periods. Just kind of studies his rough fingernails when I call on him. I sincerely wish he could learn something. He never does any written assignments, and he stays only half a day. Of course, he's over sixteen and doesn't have to come to school at all if he doesn't want to.

I've tried to get into conversation with him a couple of time, but time does not permit much individual attention for reluctant pupils when one is hopping from one grade to the other for recitation periods.

Then suddenly it's recess (morning); then you just get started again and it's lunch time; then it's recess again (afternoon), and before you know it, it's three-thirty and they're all out the door and I'm correcting papers.

That's what I must do next. (I'm "home" now--at the Faust farm.)

Where do the days go?

As ever,
Owen Marshall

November 10, 1934

Dear Dear Betty,

I bought Liberty Magazine when I was in Willoughby earlier today. Your short story is a delight. I especially liked the part about the robin that laid the speckled green egg instead of the standard blue.

Glad to know you have a trustworthy friend. Someone you can depend on. We all want that, I suppose. Thank her. I didn't realize the drawing paper was coming from her. Naturally I thought it was from you--although drawing is not your art. Thank her, too, for the crayons. The kids love them. Imagine going through eight grades of school and never experiencing crayons!

We've done a lot of things with them for Thanksgiving.

Franz has responded for the first time. I think it was the crayons that did it! His drawing for Thanksgiving was not the traditional sort of Pilgrim and muskets and brown turkeys, but as nearly as I can make out, it's a person on a hill top with great, oversized hands, reaching for this huge ball in the sky, which I take to be the sun. The drawing is, of course, very primitive; but it expresses more than I would have expected from Franz. Maturity seems to be the theme of the thing. [Am I reading more into this than this sinewy adolescent (?) really possesses?]

Since he turned in the drawing (He was the first to finish--many won't finish for days and days) he has been looking at me before he leaves. Always before he would simply go out at twelve o'clock when my chosen pupil had rung the lunch bell. He'd disappear before any of the others could get through the door. His seat is in the back of the room (with the other two eighth-graders)--the last seat, so he can get out quickly. On Thursday I thought I detected an ever-so-slight nod as he left.

I had returned his drawing with a gold star and a note on the back which read: "This is very good, Franz."

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ing gold star. I used those bit ones about an inch and a half across. I had placed it in the far left-hand corner alongside his name, scrawled in large letters across the left side, so it wouldn't be part of his drawing. He touched the star ever so tenderly.

Pretending to be busy elsewhere in the room, I caught him in a quick glance like a camera that captures the action in a snapshot. I held it in my mind, savoring it.

This was not just a pupil who had earned and was appreciating his award; but there was for me an indefinable chill in that brief moment. Some part of me went out to him. Almost the chilled thrill of the Sky Ride last summer at the Chicago World's Fair. How can I explain it?

Before he left, he waited until the others had gobbled their lunches and had gone to the school yard to get up some kind of snow game. Only little Earl Burns and his cousin Gerald remained indoors eating their apples and peanut butter sandwiches and whispering quietly in their scaled-down second-grade seats.

Franz evaluated the smaller boys at a glance, decided they were not going with the others, and went to the door. His hand on the latch, he paused and turned, waited deliberately for me to look up from my desk. For what seemed like an hour-long tableau in a magic-lantern show, he stood looking at me with penetrating blue eyes. Finally he nodded, as casual acquaintances in a small town might nod to each other, passing on Main Street.

As he was leaving, I noticed my heart pounding.! I tried to dismiss it, but couldn't. My mind held the picture of him after he had gone. He'd hunkered into his sheepskin coat, the collar turned up against the impending cold of the outdoors, the bulky sleeves exaggerating his broad shoulders. I could almost feel the hardness of him coming across to me. And now, after he'd closed the door and the latch clicked into place, I could still see his almost-smile, the wisp of moustache as he turned his head to leave and the cold sunlight glanced over the hairs and turned them to bright gold. His mouth was a firm, straight line under the beginner's moustache, and flushed dark pink, so that one felt like touching it lightly just to feel its firmness before claiming it for one's own. (Oh, I can't allow myself to think like this, Betty Alice. I simply cannot.)

Another thing I'm grateful to you for, dear Betty, is having you as a confidante--someone whom I can express these things to. Your letters are always so dear. It's sometimes lonely here, and they help me over that, too. My best to you and to your generous friend, too.

Affectionately,
Owen Marshall

(To be continued next month.)

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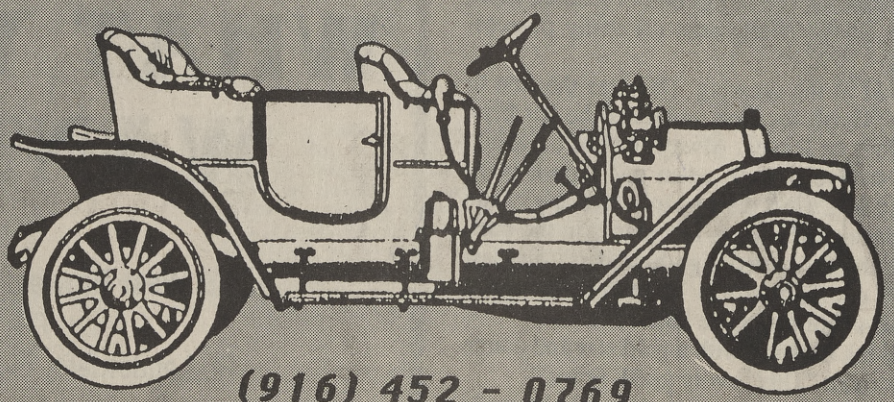

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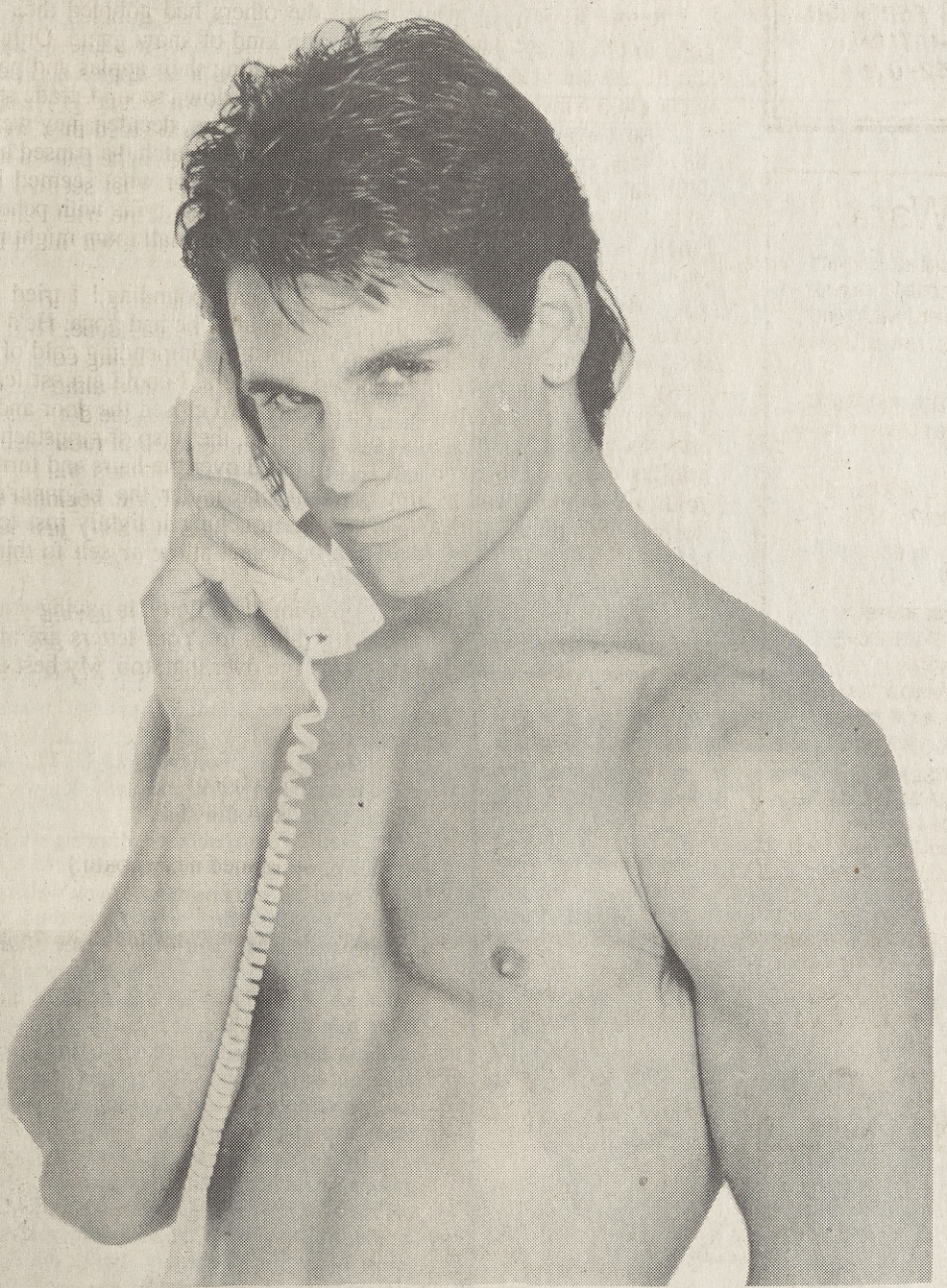

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"Just like that?"

"Just like that. Our meeting was the most informative two hours I ever spent. She heads the Institute of Thermobaric Studies in Berkeley, California, and she knows more about syphilis than anyone I know. She got me started on the medical journals and has listened to all my arguments since."

"So let's get to the nitty-gritty. What did you do?"

"Well, after plenty of reading and talking--and listening, I found a doctor in Palo Alto who was one step ahead of me. He believed enough in what McKenna was saying to try out some high doses of penicillin."

"How high?" Tom asked hesitantly.

"20 to 40 million units a day. Aqueous penicillin in an I-V drip."

"That much!"

"Yep. Anything less may mask it again. Though, I must admit, I'm still not sure whether it's the amount or the duration."

"What do you mean?"

"Well, in Germany they're using these big doses in continuous I-Vs over a three-week period. In New York there's a doctor who's claiming success with the more conventional oral penicillin over several months. Penicillin kills syphilitic spirochetes only when they're reproducing, so how much penicillin and how long is still up in the air. And, of course, each individual's situation is different."

"So, what happened after your treatment?"

"Well, about three weeks after I finished, I had blood work done and, guess what?"

"What?"

"Things had improved for the first time in about three years. Various parameters started to show normal or closer to normal. And my physical symptoms improved. The thrush has all but disappeared and my energy and weight are normal."

"So you're...'cured'?" Tom asked hesitantly, fishing around for the right word.

"No, no. I'm...reprieved, maybe. I'll wait a few months, get some more blood work, and,...who knows. I may have to watch this thing the rest of my life."

"Well," Tom concluded, drawing a breath. "This is all a bit much. I'm not sure what to make of it."

"I can tell you one thing. If you walk out that door and start yelling "syphilis!' they're going to think you're crazy. And if enough people tell you you're crazy, you'll start believing it. Take this to your doctor," I said, making him a present of the Atlantic. "Ask him if he has an open mind. Tell him, you'll bring him the research if he'll read it. You know, the drug and medical establishments stand to lose face--and money--if it turns out to be syphilis. So be ready for the worst. But tell him too you've only got one body to leave to science and you're not ready to part with it yet. OK?"

[Mike Smith is an AIDS activist, speaking before various groups about the syphilis connection. He can be reached at (415) 552-1358. In addition to the references mentioned in this article, Mike suggests the following reading: New York Native (most issues since February, 1987); the British Journal of Veneral Disease (most issues of the last fifteen years); the New England Journal of Medicine (June 18, 1987); Cancer Research (March 1, 1987); Annals of Internal Medicine, 1987:107); AIDS AND SYPHILIS: THE HIDDEN LINK by Harris Coulter); PATHOGENESIS AND IMMUNOLOGY OF TREPONEMAL INFECTION by Schell and Musher); and NO MAGIC BULLET, A SOCIAL HISTORY OF VENERAL DISEASES IN THE UNITED STATES SINCE 1880 by Allan M. Brandt.]

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LIFE AT THE CLOSET DOOR

IT'S "NAME THE NEW YEARS PARTY" TIME AGAIN...
OH BOY...
... A THEME FOR THE END OF THE REAGAN YEARS
HOW ABOUT: "BABY, THE REIGN MUST FALL"...
TOO POLITICAL...
IT SHOULD BE MORE CHEERFUL, OPTIMISTIC!
HOW ABOUT "HAPPY GAYS ARE HERE AGAIN"
TOO FRIVOLOUS — WE MUST STRESS GAY GROWTH
"THE SHAPE OF MISS THINGS TO COME"
NOW YOU'RE GETTING SOMEWHERE!

THE GAY GUARDIAN HAS STEPPED BETWEEN THE GAY KILLER AND HIS VICTIM, AND NOW...
LET ME HELP YOU UP!
OH YEAH, THANKS!
WHO IS THIS COSTUMED WEIRDO?
WHAT HAPPENED?
I WAS TRYING TO CATCH THAT KILLER!
KILLER!
YOU MEAN THAT WAS THE GAY KILLER THE NEWSPAPERS HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT? THANK GOD YOU WERE HERE!
YOU HAVE THE LAMBDA ON YOUR BELT SO YOU MUST BE GAY TOO!
I DIDN'T KNOW IT MEANT THAT!
OWW—THAT FALL MY LEG REALLY HURTS I'M NOT SURE IF I CAN WALK!
DON'T WORRY, I'LL HELP YOU GET HOME!

WOW, YOU SURE ARE STRONG!
WHAT A HUNK!!
I'M NOT USUALLY ATTRACTED TO BLONDES BUT WITH YOU I COULD MAKE AN EXCEPTION!
THANKS FOR BRINGING ME HOME.
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY?
YEAH!
SAY, WHY ARE YOU DOING ALL THIS ANYWAY. I MEAN IT'S NOT EVERYDAY I MEET A HANDSOME STRANGER IN A SEXY COSTUME!
I DON'T KNOW, I GUESS IT'S BECAUSE CRIMES ARE BEING COMMITED AGAINST GAYS AND NO ONE CARES!
SO YOU'RE HERE TO PROTECT US LIKE SOME SORT OF GUARD!
YEAH, I GUESS SO!
WELL, THANKS AGAIN AND TAKE CARE!
SMACK!
GEE THAT WAS NICE! WHAT A GREAT GUY!
WILL I EVER SEE HIM AGAIN?
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...BLAH, BLAH... WHINE... NO GIRLFRIEND... NO SEX. WHINE... BLAH, BLAH...
I KNOW, MO. BUT IT'S SPRING! THINGS WILL START HAPPENING AGAIN!
BYE, DARLING!
I GUESS SO... SO HOW ARE YOU AND TONI?
JUST GREAT! YOU KNOW, I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER BEEN SO HAPPY! IN FACT,..
THAT'S NICE. WELL, I HAVE TO GO READ THE PERSONALS NOW. THANKS FOR LISTENING, CLARICE!
ON CAMPUS THAT DAY...
IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU, CLARICE! IT'S BEEN MONTHS! SO, ARE YOU & TONI STILL TOGETHER?
UH... LAST I HEARD, WE WERE.
LATER IN THE AFTERNOON...
...MY OTHER GIRLFRIEND ANGELA IS KIND OF UPTIGHT ABOUT ME SEEING NAOMI. ANGELA'S A REAL LINEAR THINKER. SHE CAN'T SEEM TO TRANSCEND THE MONOGAMOUS MINDSET.
GEE, LO. THAT'S ROUGH.
FINALLY, BACK AT THE RANCH...
JUNE! I'M HOOME!
IN HERE, WARD!
I WAS AFRAID MAYBE SINCE THIS MORNING YOU DECIDED THAT MONOGAMY WAS TOO LINEAR, AND SO YOU TRANSCENDED IT.
WELL... IT IS KIND OF UNCOOL... BUT I LIKE IT ANYWAY.
TONI, AM I STILL YOUR ONE AND ONLY?
I THINK SO. WHY?
WHY IS IT SO UNCOOL? WE DON'T GET ANY CREDIT, TONI! WHEN I RUN INTO SOMEONE I HAVEN'T SEEN IN A WHILE, IT'S ALWAYS "SO, ARE YOU TWO STILL TOGETHER?" LIKE THEY EXPECT US TO BREAK UP!
AND NO ONE WANTS TO HEAR ABOUT HOW HAPPY I AM WITH YOU. THEY'RE ONLY INTERESTED IN ROMANTIC STRIFE!
SO, NOW WE NEED A SUPPORT GROUP FOR HAPPY COUPLES?
YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN! I DON'T EXPECT ANYTHING FROM THE STRAIGHT WORLD, BUT YOU'D THINK AT LEAST OTHER DYKES WOULD RESPECT OUR RELATIONSHIP!
WELL... STRAIGHT COUPLES GET RESPECT WHEN THEY MARRY. MAYBE WE NEED TO MAKE SOME KIND OF SYMBOLIC AFFIRMATION OF OUR COMMITMENT TO ONE ANOTHER!
YOU MEAN...
YES! LET'S OPEN A JOINT CHECKING ACCOUNT!
OH, DARLING! BUT THIS IS SO SUDDEN!

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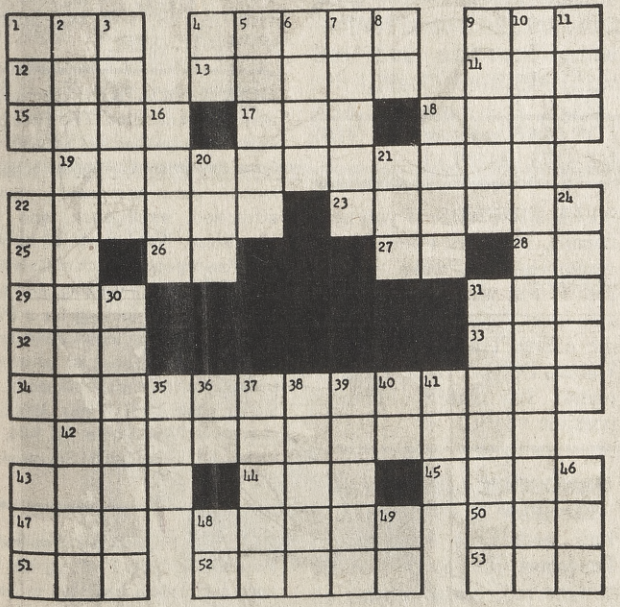

ACROSS

1. Type of pole
4. __, ____ when
9. Duo
12. Lodge
13. Knight's attire
14. Finan. note
15. Turner gal
17. Can. Party
18. Tight
19. Real female (2 wds.)
22. King without frills
23. Balls
25. Meas.
26. Cal. city
27. Preposition
28. Alex. the _____
29. Soccer group
31. Status _____
32. After "H" company
33. Texas school loc.
34. Queen's title (2 wds.)
42. Gay societies
43. Prefix: distant
44. Latin nickname
45. Nine (comb. form)
47. Grandma Bell inits.
48. Visitor
50. Apollo's son
51. Your (royal)
52. Breath mints
53. Greek letter

DOWN

1. Rest posterior
2. Sirs approacheth (2 wds.)
3. Enclosed
4. Suffix: medical
5. Tree product
6. So be it
7. Why the pirate got a peg (2 wds.)
8. M.D.
9. Crown
10. Negative supposition (3 wds.)
11. Type of rural house
16. Indigo dye
18. Hair dye
20. Amer.
21. Gazelle
22. Posterior holder
24. Halts
30. Fidelity
31. Royal nickname
35. Blew?
36. Military inits.
37. World Court site
38. More frozen
39. Spirit
40. Greeting
41. Compass point
43. Gambling die
46. Last queen of Spain
48. Royal office inits.
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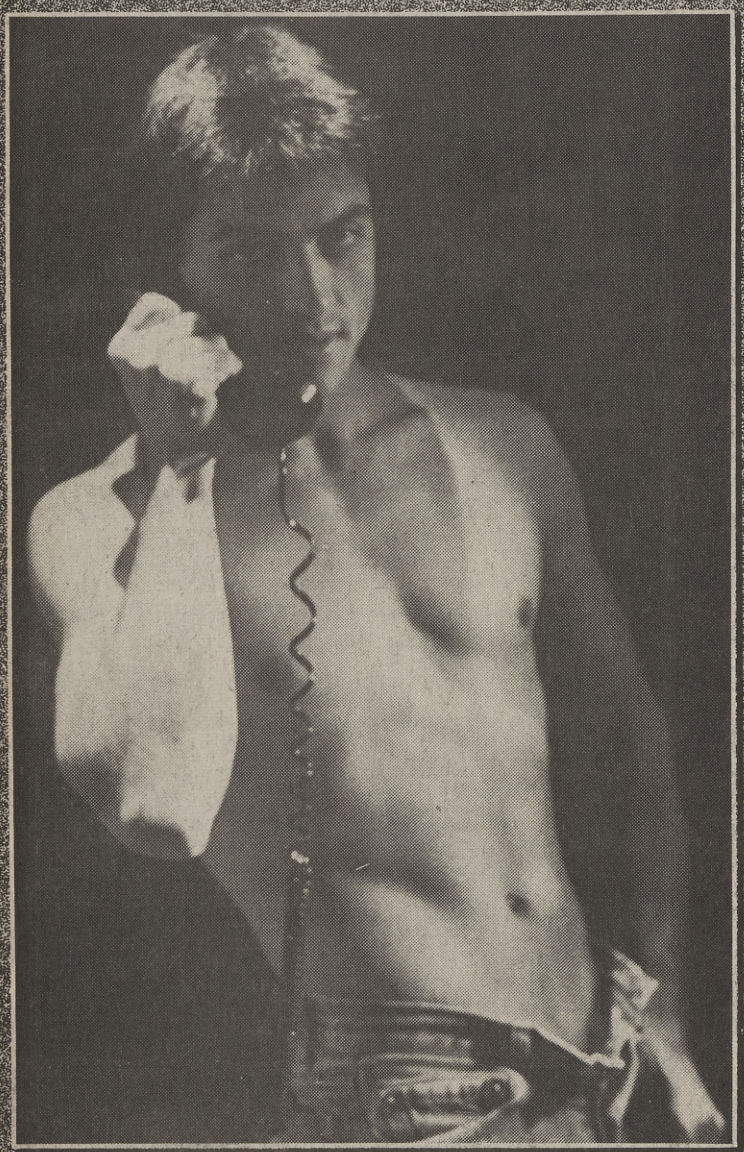

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